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ALABAMA COLLEGE SYSTEM PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE
"Student Success Through Quality Assurance"

Over 2,500 Alabama College System personnel, including faculty, staff, and administrators, will meet in Mobile, Alabama on April 2-4, 1986 for the Second Annual Statewide Professional Development Conference for all personnel. Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Mezzinine area of the Mobile Convention Center. Exhibits will be displayed in the foyer of the auditorium and will provide subjects of interest for all participants.

Several of the two-year colleges have provided exhibits from their institution and an Alabama College System Art Exhibit will be displayed in the Loggia Room of the Convention Center.

The Wednesday and Friday agenda will include concurrent sessions which will provide a more diverse and broader range of subjects to be presented for professional development for all participants throughout the system. The topics for the concurrent sessions on Wednesday will include:

(1) "Am I Obsolete?"
Technological Change and Faculty Re-Training
Donald T. Rippey, Professor and Department Chairperson
Educational Administration, The University of Texas

(2) "The Human Side of Management"
Melva J. Harris
Harris Development Consultants

(3) "Keeping America Working"
Don C. Garrison, President
Tri-County Technical College
Pendleton, South Carolina

(4) "Excellence in the Community College"
George Baker, University of Texas, Austin

(5) "Personal Financial Planning"
Tom Gambill
Division Director of Waddell-Reed, Inc.

(6) Film - "If it is to be, it is up to me."
How to take charge of your life.

(7) EDUCOM - "Integrate Computing Throughout the Curriculum"
Barbara Kurshan
Director Academic Computing
Hollings College, Virginia

(8) "Involvement in Learning: Realizing the Potential of American Higher Education"
Clifford Adelman
Senior Associate
National Institute of Education

Each participant will attend the one hour session of his/her choice prior to the keynote session.

The Keynote Session will begin at 2:45 p.m. in the main arena of the Convention Center. Dr. Charles Payne, Chancellor, will present a "State of the System" address followed by the keynote speaker, Mr. Warren Nickell. Mr. Nickell serves as Director of Quality for IBM, Inc., South-West Marketing Division, and will speak on "Quality Assurance: the IBM Way".

Students are the center of our institutions' existence; therefore, a special program will be provided for student envolvement. This event will take place at 5:30 p.m. in the Theatre of the Convention Center and will include recognition of the "Outstanding Students", presentation of the College Bowl winner, art exhibits, two-year college exhibits, the Chancellor's Award presentations, and musical presentations.

On Thursday, April 3, 1986, the 66 workshop sessions will begin at 8:30 a.m. The agendas for these workshops include



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many outstanding and interesting presenters from all walks of life. These sessions have been planned by personnel throughout the system and represent many hours of hard work and coordination. There will be representatives from many of the state's four-year institutions, publishing companies, out-of-state university personnel, officers of the law, industrialists, publishers, media specialists, legislators, consultants, environmental specialists, barber stylists, curriculum specialists, fashion directors, and many others. On Thursday evening from 5:15-7:00 p.m. there will be a reception at Fort Conde Downtown.

The November workshop sessions for faculty, librarians and counselors was a resounding success. The April Conference not only includes the faculty, librarians and counselors, but includes **all** Alabama College System personnel. This conference provides state-of-the-art update and expertise in the various areas of responsibility but also enforces the comraderee and cooperation of all. These professional development experiences can only improve our knowledge and services to the citizens of Alabama and the 60,000 students served by our Alabama College System.

On Friday, April 4, 1986, 18 special technical college areas will continue in content specific sessions. All other participants will again have the opportunity to select an area of interest from eight concurrent sessions. These sessions include:

(1) "To Reclaim a Legacy; a Report on the Humanities in Higher Education"
Jim Megginson
Executive Director of the Community College Humanities Association
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

(2) Alternative Futures for Health Services
Joseph Hamburg
Dean Emeritus, The College of Allied Health Professions
University of Kentucky Medical Center

(3) "Success from Day One"
Vernon A. Magnesen, Associate Vice President
Triton College
River Grove, Illinois
(Subject is on "How to be a More Effective Teacher")

(4) Film - "In Search of Excellence"
Lessons from America's Best-Run Companies

(5) "Stress Management"
Ron Wiley, Director
Professional Development Programs, Inc.

(6) "Office of the Future"
Janet Moore
AT&T

(7) "Assessing Student Learning Outcomes"
Peter Ewell
National Center for Higher Education Management Systems

(8) "Excellence in Associate Applied Science/Applied Technical Degree Programs"
Terry. J. Puckett, Vice President
Hines Community College
Jackson, Mississippi

The concurrent sessions will conclude at 10:30 a.m. and those attending other organizational meetings will remain until 12:00 noon.

APRIL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 1986

10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. REGISTRATION
Mezzinine of the Mobile Convention Center
(Exhibitors will be located in the foyer of the Convention Center)

1:30-2:30 p.m. CONCURRENT SPECIAL SESSIONS
Mobile Convention Center

2:45-4:30 p.m. KEYNOTE SESSION
Mobile Convention Center Main Arena

5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. "A CELEBRATION OF STUDENT SUCCESS"
Mobile Convention Center Theatre
(Art exhibit, musical presentations, outstanding student presentation, Chancellor's Awards, college exhibits, College Bowl presentation)

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1986

8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. CONTENT-SPECIFIC WORKSHOPS
Assigned Locations

9:00-11:00 a.m. SKILL CENTER DIRECTOR'S MEETING
Riverview Plaza, Sumter Room

5:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. RECEPTION
"An Evening Under the Stars"
Fort Conde Downtown
(adjacent to the Mobile Convention Center)
sponsored by friends of the Alabama College System

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 1986

8:30 a.m.-12 noon CONTENT-SPECIFIC WORKSHOPS
(18 special technical workshops)
same assigned locations as Thursday schedule

8:30-10:30 a.m. ... CONCURRENT SPECIAL SESSIONS
Mobile Convention Center

10:30 a.m.-12 noon ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

AGENDAS WILL BE PROVIDED AT REGISTRATION

SPECIAL CONCURRENT SESSION SPEAKERS



GEORGE A. BAKER

Dr. Baker is an Associate Professor of Educational Administration at the University of Texas in Austin. He received his B.S. degree from Presbyterian College, his masters degree from Shippensburg State College, and his doctorate from Duke University.

He has fourteen years experience in curriculum development, including the design of products to improve curriculum design; field experience in teaching community college faculty to adapt systematic curriculum design processes; field experience in assisting community colleges to establish institutional competencies from which curriculum decisions are made.

Dr. Baker's presentation will include comments on how exceptional community colleges are rethinking their assumptions regarding service to the community and its citizens by providing students with more direction and fewer options in curriculum choices. He will also include points on how these colleges, through revitalized student development activities, identify and provide increased services to underachieving students.



VERNON A. MAGNESEN

Mr. Magnesen brings 30 years of experience to this presentation, sharing practical ideas on how to be a more effective teacher. Participants will receive a workbook and take part in experiences that will provide new insights. Topics include listening, memory development, visualization, methods, motivation, and a special four-part success formula.

Vern Magnesen has been an educator for over 30 years; 12 as a classroom teacher, 16 as a dean, and two as associate vice president, staff development. He has a bachelors and masters in Business Education from Northern Illinois University and a recent MBA from Northwestern University.

Mr. Magnesen has served as a North Central Association consultant evaluator for over ten years and is former chair of the State of Illinois Advisory Council of Adult, Vocational and Technical Education.



DONALD T. RIPPEY

Dr. Rippey, Professor and Department Chairman, Educational Administration, at the University of Texas at Austin, was born in Aztec, New Mexico. He received his B.A. and M.A. from the University of Northern Colorado. Dr. Rippey has served as a junior high school teacher, an elementary school principal and a president for a college of 1500 students with a high proportion of technical-vocational students. He is responsible for initiating the first of the seven colleges that now make up the Dallas Community College System.

Dr. Rippey will give a presentation on "Am I Obsolete? Technological Change and Faculty Re-Training". His publications include "How to Develop a Human Being," **Community College Frontiers**; "Developmental Education", **Serving Ethnic Minorities**. He serves as a consultant to the United States Office of Education -- Co-operative education; Title III, AIDP Advanced Institutions, is a member of the National Advisory Committee of the American Council of Education on administrative interns, and is a national lecturer for the National Academy for School Executives, area of occupational education.

SPECIAL CONCURRENT SESSION SPEAKERS

DON C. GARRISON

Don Garrison is presently serving the Tri-County Technical College of Pendleton, South Carolina as president. He received his B.A. and M.A. from Furman University and his doctorate from Duke University.

Dr. Garrison has participated in intensive study on the role of the community and technical colleges and his recent appointments include: serving on the National Task Force to Redefine the Associate Degree, a task force of the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges; a task force for the Ohio State University Center for Research in Vocational Technical Education on "Retraining and Upgrading Workers"; and was appointed to serve as a member of Governor's Job Training Coordination Committee which was charged to develop action plan to impact job training in South Carolina.



WILLIAM JAMES MEGGINSON

Dr. Megginson is the recently appointed new Executive Director of the Community College Humanities Association, a national professional organization headquartered at Community College of Philadelphia. His previous academic appointments have included teaching at Arkansas State University, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and serving as Chairperson, Division of Social Science, M.A. Garland County Community College, Hot Springs, Arkansas. He holds the Ph.D. from George Washington University and completed his undergraduate work at Mississippi College.

In his capacity as CCHA Director, Dr. Megginson will be presenting a review of the Bennett Report, **To Reclaim a Legacy**. The report is a National Endowment for the Humanities major work outlining the current state of humanities' education in the United States. Dr. Megginson's presentation will be of special interest to faculty members in these disciplines (English, history, philosophy, art, music, drama, etc.) and academic deans and presidents.

MELVA J. HARRIS

Melva J. Harris, of Harris Development Consultants, East Windsor, New Jersey, will be one of the concurrent speakers on Wednesday, April 2, 1986. Ms. Harris' topic will be "The Human Side of Management," a presentation designed to aid supervisors as they attempt to improve their ability to get the best work from those who report to them. Any person who supervises others -- from office managers to division/department chairs to deans and presidents -- should find her presentation helpful.

Ms. Harris, formerly with AT&T, specializes in presentations about human resources issues. Her clients have included IBM, Citicorp, New York Port Authority, the Food and Drug Administration, Mercer County Community College, and others. She is an adjunct professor at Cornell University who holds her M.A. in Psychology from New York Institute of Technology and her B.B.A. in Management and Business Administration from Baruch College.

APRIL CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS, CHAIRPERSONS AND LOCATIONS

I. ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL WORKSHOPS

1. **PRESIDENTS**
 Riverview Plaza/Alabama I
 Chairperson: Dr. James R. Allen
 Chairperson: Dr. James C. Bailey

2. **ACADEMIC DEANS**
 Riverview Plaza/Merrimac II
 Chairperson: Dr. Ken Hudson

3. **TECHNICAL DEANS**
 Riverview Plaza/Merrimac I
 Chairperson: Jack Kerby

4. **DEANS OF STUDENTS**
 Admiral Semmes/Crystal Ballroom C
 Chairperson: Dr. Jo Beene

5. **BUSINESS MANAGERS**
 Riverview Plaza/Plantation I
 Chairperson: Beverly Templeton

6. **ACCOUNTANTS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANTS**
 Convention Center/Meeting Room E
 Chairperson: Gloria Hart

7. **ADMISSIONS OFFICERS**
 Admiral Semmes/Crystal Ballroom B
 Chairperson: Jim Natale

8. **BOOKSTORE MANAGERS**
 Chamber of Commerce/Board Room
 Chairperson: Richard Carpenter

9. **COMMUNITY SERVICES COORDINATORS**
 Econolodge/ Room F, Library
 Chairperson: Dr. Mary Bauer

10. **COMPUTER SERVICES MANAGEMENT/STAFF**
 Convention Center/Room A
 Chairperson: Dr. Lora Conrad

11. **CUSTODIAL WORKERS**
 Convention Center/Meeting Room B
 Chairperson: Vicy Scott

12. **DISPLACED HOMEMAKER PROJECT DIRECTORS**
 Econolodge/ Azalea Room
 Chairperson: Kay Roney

13. **FINANCIAL AID AND VETERANS OFFICERS**
 Admiral Semmes/Crystal Ballroom A
 Chairperson: Rick Rogers

14. **GROUNDS KEEPERS**
 Convention Center/Room K
 Chairperson: Alva Hamrick

15. **INDUSTRIAL COORDINATORS**
 Econolodge/Room E, Executive Board Room
 Chairperson: Al Craig

16. **OFF CAMPUS AND EVENING DIRECTORS**
 Quality Inn Downtown/Forte Conde Room
 Chairperson: Dr. Barbara Segrest

17. **PHYSICAL PLANT/MAINTENANCE DIRECTORS**
 Chamber of Commerce/McGowin Room
 Chairperson: Alva Hamrick

18. **RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS**
 Riverview Plaza/Morgan Room
 Chairperson: George Terrell

19. **PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICERS**
 Riverview Plaza/Alabama III
 Chairperson: Linda Albright

20. **SECRETARIAL: ADMINISTRATIVE**
 Convention Center/Meeting Room 28
 Chairperson: Jane Love

21. **SECRETARIAL: CLERICAL**
 Convention Center/Jaguar Room (Room 3)
 Chairperson: Jan Leege

22. **SECURITY**
 Convention Center/Meeting Room M
 Chairperson: Hubert Bill

II. FACULTY WORKSHOPS

23. **AGRIBUSINESS**
 Carver State Technical College
 Business Office Education Bldg./Room 1
 Chairperson: Fred Kapp

24. **AIR CONDITIONING**
 Southwest State Technical College
 Nursing - Room 507, Bldg. 500
 Chairperson: Alden Thigpen

25. **ALLIED HEALTH**
 Convention Center/Meeting Room D
 Chairperson: Jane Evans

26. **ART**
 Convention Center/Meeting Room F
 Chairperson: Bethany Engle

27. **AUTO BODY**
 Carver State Technical College
 Auto Body Shop/Auto Body Classroom
 Chairperson: James Glasscock

28. **AUTO MECHANICS**
 Southwest State Technical College
 Automotive Shop/Bldg. 200
 Chairperson: Roy Trucks

29. **AVIATION**
 Brookley Field
 Chairperson: Ernest Black

30. **BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES**
Bishop State Junior College
Gymnasium/Choir Room
Chairperson: Freddie Posey

31. **BIOLOGY**
Bishop State Junior College
Gymnasium/Band Room/Room G 103
Chairperson: Fred Winkler

32. **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**
University of South Alabama School of Business
Chairperson: Dr. Jesse Walker

33. **BUSINESS EDUCATION**
Convention Center/Room G
Chairperson: Emily Martin

34. **CHEMISTRY**
Bishop State Junior College
Gymnasium/Room G-104
Chairperson: Dr. R. C. Lewis

35. **CHILD CARE**
Bishop State Junior College
Library/Seminar Room
Chairperson: Rebecca Richter

36. **COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS**
Convention Center/Room J
Chairperson: Lynn Conwill

37. **CONSTRUCTION TRADES**
Southwest State Technical College
Cabinetmaking Shop/Bldg. 200
Chairperson: John Tomlin

38. **COSMETOLOGY AND BARBERING**
Southwest State Technical College
Cosmetology Shop/Bldg. 100
Chairperson: Brenda Taunton

39. **COUNSELORS**
Admiral Semmes/Crystal Ballroom C
Chairperson: Curtis Thomasson

40. **DIESEL MECHANICS**
Southwest State Technical College
Diesel Shop/Bldg. 600
Chairperson: Larry Holmes

41. **DRAFTING**
Southwest State Technical College
Drafting/Bldg. 700
Chairperson: Donald Jarrells

42. **DRAMA/SPEECH**
Riverview Plaza/Gaines Room
Chairperson: Bob Renshaw

43. **ELECTRICITY/ELECTRONICS**
Southwest State Technical College
Cafeteria/Bldg. 100
Chairperson: Jim Myers

44. **ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY**
Bishop State Junior College
Administration Bldg./Room 202
Chairperson: Ronald Funderburg

45. **ENGLISH, COMP. AND LIT.**
Public Library/Berheem Hall
Chairperson: Dowartha Davis

46. **ENGLISH, RELATED**
Barton Academy/Barton Auditorium
Chairperson: Dr. Louise Leigh

47. **FOOD SERVICE**
Carver State Technical College
Administration Bldg./Food Service
Chairperson: Mary Ann Ward

48. **GRAPHIC ARTS**
Southwest State Technical College
Bldg. 800
Chairperson: Paul Kersey

49. **HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION & RECREATION**
Bishop State Junior College
Library/Lecture Room
Chairperson: Riley Whitaker

50. **INDUSTRIAL SEWING**
Carver State Technical College
Administration Bldg./Barbering Classroom
Chairperson: Patsy Pendley

51. **LEARNING RESOURCES**
Riverview Plaza/ Plantation II
Chairperson: Evelyn Olive

52. **MACHINE TECHNOLOGY**
Southwest State Technical College
Machine Shop/Bldg. 200
Chairperson: Jack Moore

53. **MATH, DEVELOPMENTAL**
Econolodge/Magnolia Room B
Chairperson: Ruth Young

54. **MATH, RELATED**
Arlington School
Chairperson: Charles Ellison

55. **MATH, UNIVERSITY**
Econolodge/Magnolia Room C
Chairperson: Guesna Dohrman

56. **MUSIC**
Riverview Plaza/Alabama Ballroom II
Chairperson: Dr. Richard Snyder

57. **NEW TEACHER INSTITUTE**
Carver State Technical College
Student Serv. Bldg/Pre-Voc Studies Room/ Com. Room
Chairperson: Dr. Don Tomlinson

58. **NURSING, ASSOCIATE DEGREE**
University of South Alabama
University Center
Chairperson: Dr. Rhoda Kirkpatrick

59. **NURSING, PRACTICAL**
University of South Alabama
University Center
Chairperson: Doris Bush

60. **PHYSICS/PHYSICAL SCIENCE**
Bishop State Junior College
Administration Bldg./Room 201
Chairperson: Dr. Ali Yazdi

61. **READING**
Admiral Semmes/ State Room B
Chairperson: Betty Rhodes

62. **SMALL ENGINES**
Southwest State Technical College
Bldg. 300
Chairperson: Don Johnson

63. **SOCIAL SCIENCES**
Convention Center/Room C
Chairperson: Mark Freshwater

64. **TRUCK DRIVING**
Carver State Technical College
Student Serv. Bldg./Learning Resource Room
Chairperson: James Campbell

65. **UPHOLSTERY**
Southwest State Technical College
Upholstery Shop/Bldg. 300
Chairperson: James Nelms

66. **WELDING**
Carver State Technical College
Student Serv. Bldg./Student Serv. Ctr.
Chairperson: Danny Mantel

HOSPITALITY AND ACCOMMODATIONS COMMITTEE FOR APRIL CONFERENCE

These individuals are responsible for the workshops that will be located in their facility of responsibility:

CONVENTION CENTER
401 Auditorium Drive
Dr. Ulysses McBride
Faulkner State

RIVERVIEW PLAZA
64 Water St.
Ms. Beverly Templeton
Southwest State Tech.

THE ADMIRAL SEMMES
251 Government St.
Ms. Laurie Burgreen
Calhoun State Comm. College

QUALITY INN DOWNTOWN
255 Church Street
Dr. Barbara Segrest
Southern Union State Jr. College

SOUTHWEST STATE TECH
925 Dauphin Island Parkway
Mr. Don Sanders
Southwest State Tech.

BISHOP STATE JUNIOR COLLEGE
351 North Broad St.
Dr. Charles Henson
Bishop State Jr. College

CARVER STATE TECH COLLEGE
414 Stanton St.
Mr. Lawrence Curtis
Carver State Tech

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA
Mobile, Alabama 36688
Dr. Jesse Walker (Bus. Adm.)
Gadsden State Comm. College

Dr. Rhoda Kirkpatrick
(Nursing Associate Degree)
Calhoun Community College

Ms. Doris Bush (Nursing Practical)
Southwest State Tech

BROOKLEY FIELD
Mobile
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Battleship Parkway
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Enterprise State Jr. College
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Bessemer State Tech

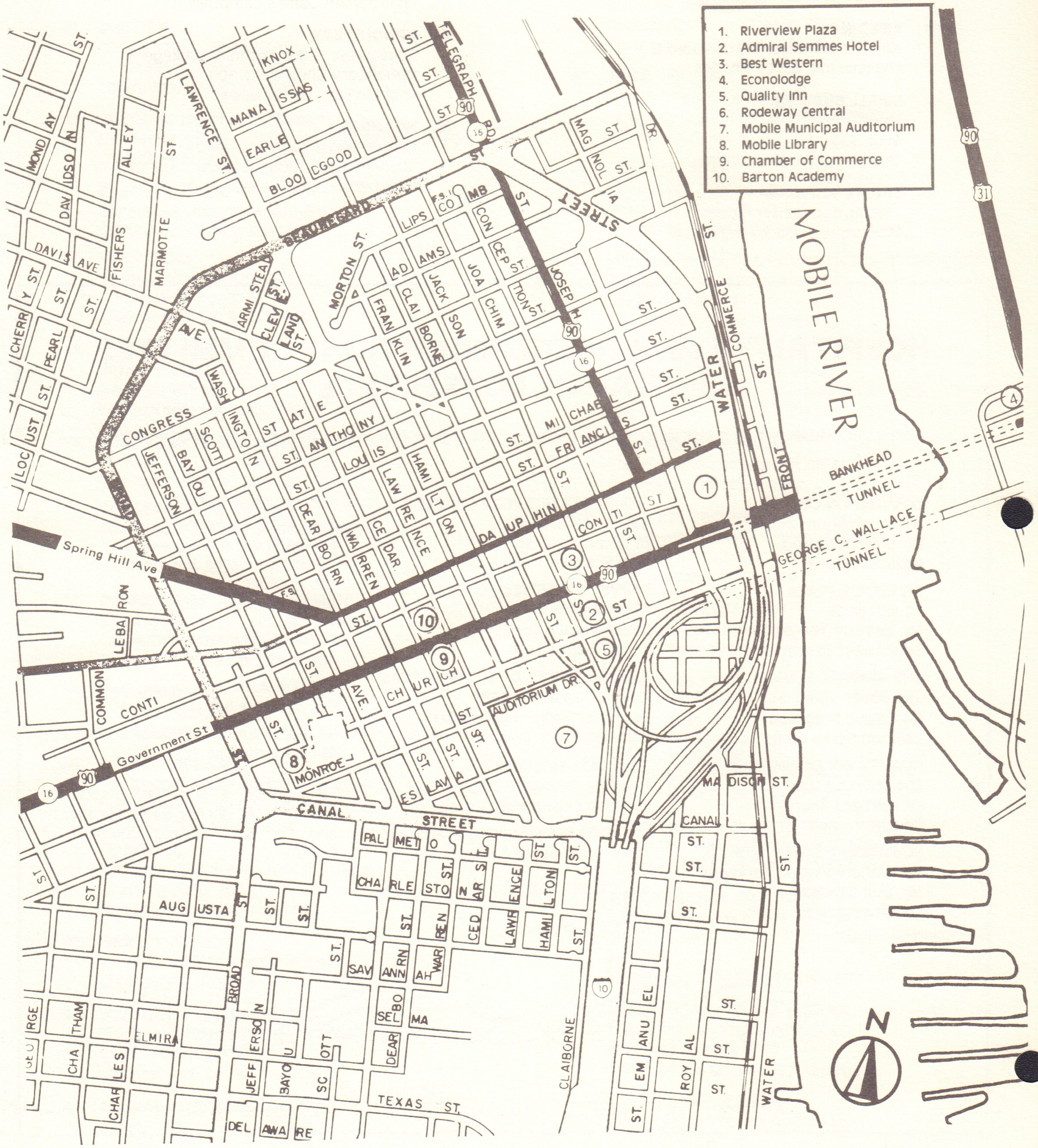
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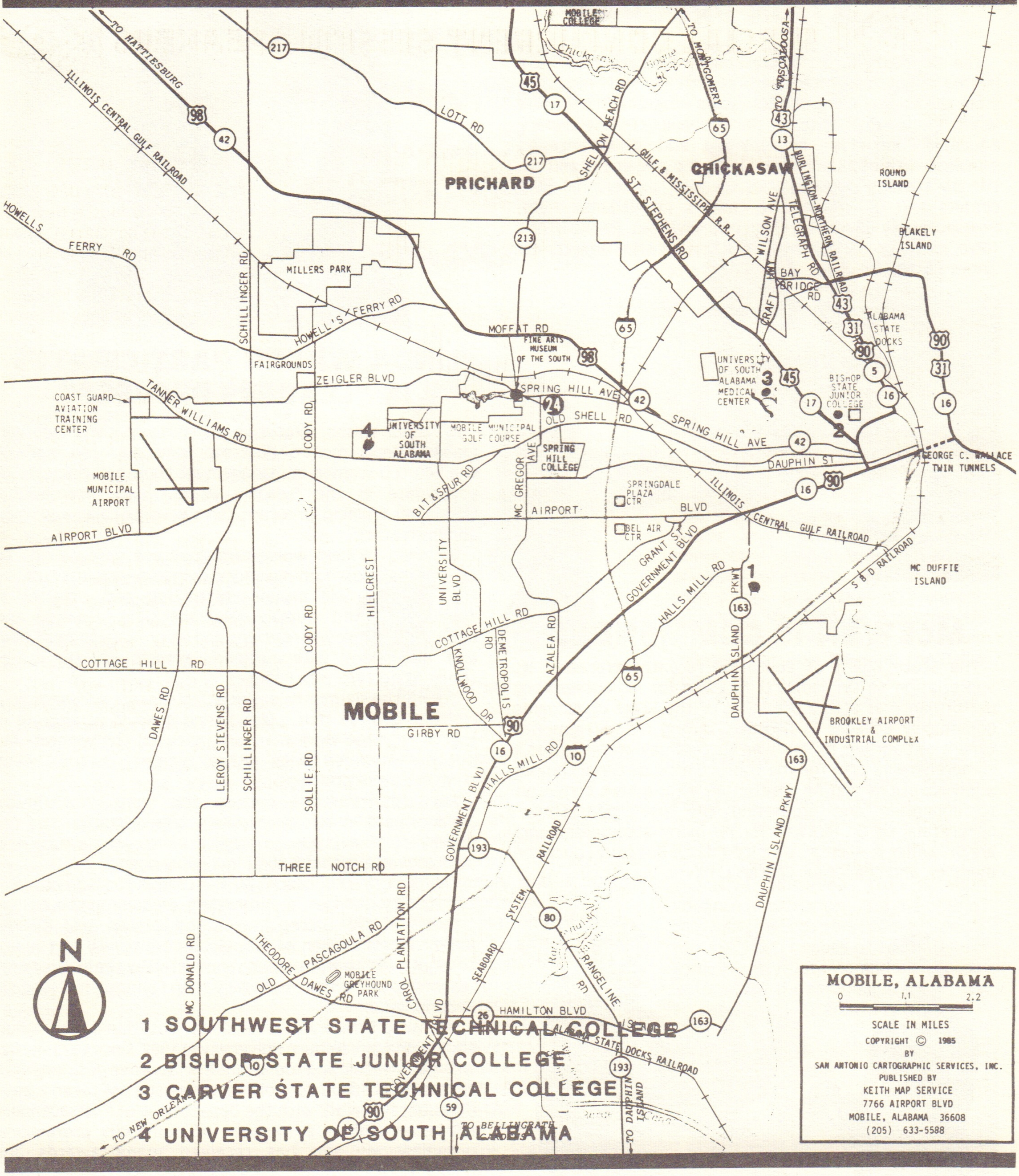
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451 Government St.

*Faye Farris is the coordinator for Mobile Public Library, Barton Academy, and the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce.

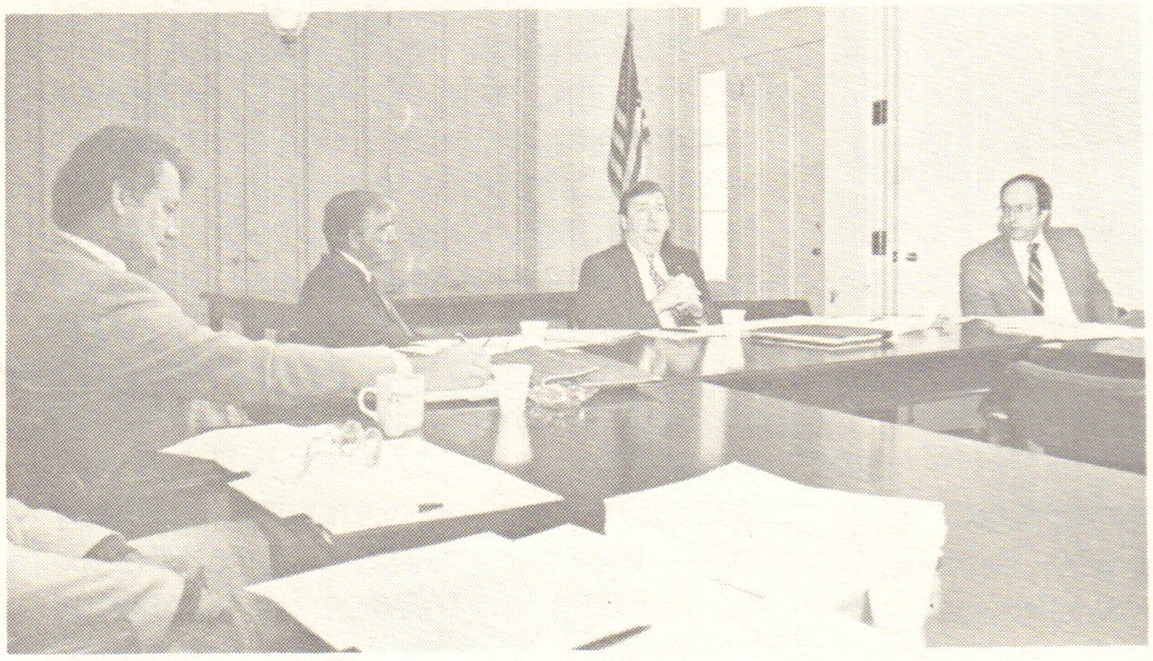
DOWNTOWN MOBILE




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HOWELL'S FERRY RD
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FAIRGROUNDS
ZEIGLER BLVD
SHELL BEACH RD
TO MONTGOMERY
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TELEGRAPH RD
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BISHOP STATE JUNIOR COLLEGE
COAST GUARD AVIATION TRAINING CENTER
TANNER WILLIAMS RD
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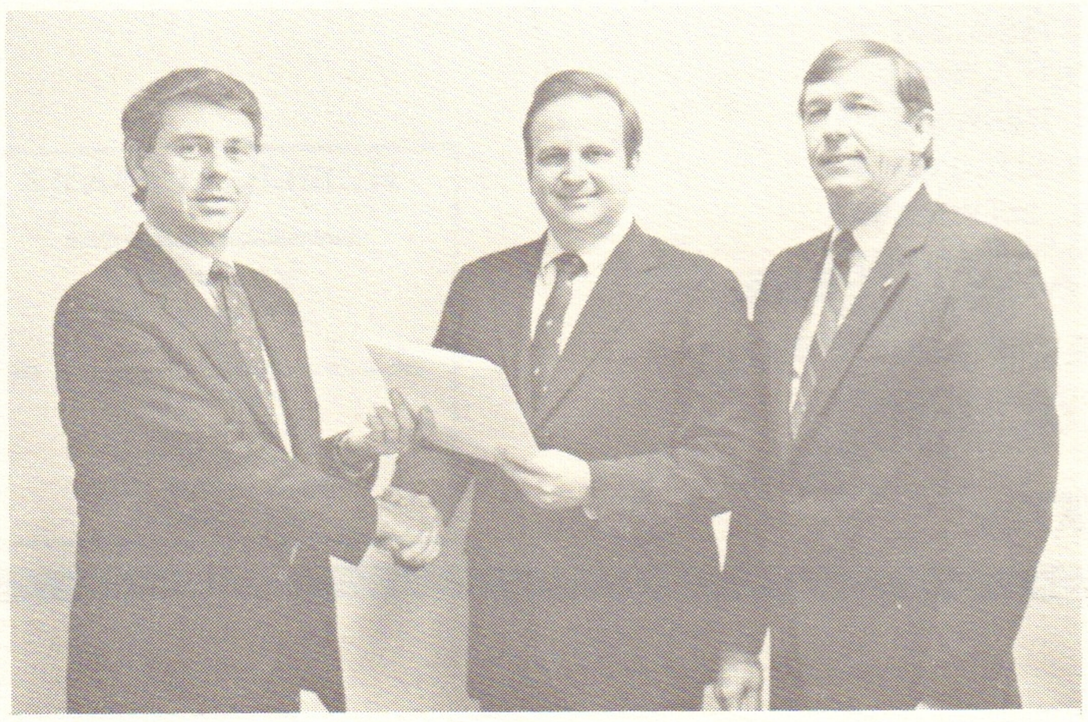
SKILLS TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Department of Postsecondary Education recently hosted a "get acquainted" session with key staff members from the Skills Training and Education Program (STEP). STEP, which is now a division of the Department of Postsecondary Education, provides unemployed and disadvantaged students with occupational training, job placement and on-the-job training opportunities through six regional skills centers and 29 assessment centers in Alabama. Here, Postsecondary Education Chancellor Charles L. Payne (front table, right) exchanges information with STEP Director Dr. James Northcutt.



McEWEN IS COMMENDED

The State Board of Education recently expressed its appreciation to Dr. James D. McEwen for his outstanding performance as acting president of the State of Alabama Community Colleges in Gadsden. During his seven-month tenure at Gadsden, Dr. McEwen successfully implemented a comprehensive plan for the consolidation of three campus administrations and he created an atmosphere conducive to enhancing and promoting the institution. Shown congratulating Dr. McEwen for his many accomplishments are Dr. James B. Allen Jr., District 7 State Board of Education member, and Chancellor Charles L. Payne.





LINDA WILSON PARTICIPATES IN "LEADERS PROJECT"

Dr. Linda Wilson, executive assistant to the chancellor, Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education, is one of the 160 top women in management chosen nationwide to participate in the "Leaders Project," an international leadership training program for two-year college women administrators.

Designed to help women improve the skills needed to assume major decision-making roles in two-year institutions, the program will include instruction and practice in supervisory and human relations skills, finance and budgeting, employee relations and labor management skills and discussions with national experts on the issues confronting two-year colleges.

During the six-month project, participants will work on a research project that will aid their agency, participate in special regional workshops and national conferences and become involved with other women in top-ranked administrative positions.

Participants were chosen for their interest in advancement in two-year college administration and the quality of their proposed project, which will develop new skills as well as benefit their individual agency.

The project is sponsored by the League for Innovation in Community Colleges, a consortium of community college districts in the United States and Canada, and by the American Association of Women in Community and Junior Colleges. The program is being conducted by the Institute for Leadership Development at Rio Salado Community College in Phoenix, Ariz.

Dr. Wilson received a Ed.D in Vocational and Adult Education from Auburn University in 1982. Since 1973 she has worked in middle and top-level administrative positions with Enterprise State Junior College, where she has taken a leave of absence to work with the Department of Postsecondary Education. She is a member of numerous professional organizations and has received many awards and recognitions for her contributions to postsecondary education. Most recently, she was named Enterprise Junior College's 1986 Alumna of the Year.

DISPLACED HOMEMAKER OFFICERS ELECTED

Ann Turnham Smith, state vocational equity specialist, and Ida V. Reinhardt, DPE's displaced homemaker coordinator, were elected regional displaced homemaker officers at the Displaced Homemaker Region IV Conference held recently in Atlanta, Ga. Mrs. Smith will be the 1985-86 representative elect for the southeastern region to the National Displaced Homemaker Network and Mrs. Reinhardt will serve as Alabama's representative to the network.

By virtue of the positions, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Reinhardt are also members of the Region IV Displaced Homemaker Advisory Council.

As representative elect, Mrs. Smith will help plan a 1986 Region IV conference and assist in developing a Region IV Handbook containing information about all operational displaced homemaker projects in the Southeast. Mrs. Reinhardt will assist the national network by communicating with all secondary and postsecondary education displaced homemaker program representatives in Alabama.



Ida Reinhardt (left) and Ann Smith were elected 1986 regional displaced homemaker officers.

JULIE DeBARDELABEN RECEIVES AWARD OF MERIT

Julie DeBardelaben, DPE's Coordinator of Public Information, received an Award of Merit at the Public Relations Council of Alabama's (PRCA) 1985 awards competition banquet held recently in Birmingham. The award commended a feature story for external publication written by Mrs. DeBardelaben on state two-year colleges' displaced homemaker/sex bias elimination program.

One hundred forty-two practitioners of public relations representing 27 organizations competed for PRCA awards in 32 different categories.

The awards competition banquet is the highlight of PRCA's annual state convention -- a two-day event featuring workshops and renowned speakers on subjects of interest to PRCA members. This year's convention, which focused on "The Pursuit of P.R. Excellence," began with a keynote address by Philip Lesly, author of "Lesly's P.R. Handbook."

Julie also represented the Department of Postsecondary Education at the fourth annual "What's Right in Public Education in Alabama Today" Conference held recently at the University of Montevallo.

The conference theme, "Acting Within the Law to Assure Excellence," was the subject of three sessions for the one-day event. Dr. Donald D. Gehring, a professor at the University of Louisville, presented the keynote address; six representatives of educational interest groups, including Mrs. DeBardelaben, served as luncheon table discussion leaders; and four attorneys -- Don Sweeney of Rives and Peterson in Birmingham; J. R. Brooks, former U.S. Attorney; Ina Leonard of the University of Alabama at Birmingham; and Dr. David K. Brennan, Dean, Jones School of Law -- concluded the conference with a panel discussion on "Ways We're Acting Within the Law to Assure Excellence."

The Department of Postsecondary Education joined eight other educational interest groups as sponsors of the event.



The November 1985 Professional Development Workshop Chairpersons were recently commended for their leadership by the State Board of Education. Joining Board Vice President John M. Tyson Jr. (third from left) in congratulating the group were Professional Development Task Force coordinator Dr. Larry McCoy, Athens State College, (left) and Dr. Imogene Mixon, Wallace State Community College in Dothan; Chancellor Charles L. Payne; Dr. John Johnson, Professional Development Task Force director; and Task Force coordinator Ed Blake, Bessemer State Technical College.



OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT CONFERENCE

Ken Hudson (president of academic deans association), John A. Johnson (Director of Professional Development Task Force), Jo Beene (president of deans of students assoc.), Peter Ewell (national expert on outcomes assessment with National Center for Higher Education Managemental Systems [NCHEMS]), and Jack Kerby (president of technical deans association). The conference was sponsored jointly by the Task Force and the three professional associations.

THE CHANCELLOR'S PERSPECTIVE

The theme for the 1986 annual Alabama College System Conference is "Student Success Through Quality Assurance". The success of our two-year college students is the major objective of the faculty, administration and staff members of our Alabama College System. It is essential that we always remember that the student is the most important aspect of our educational system. This is why the professional growth of each individual associated with our two-year college system is vital.

The professional development activities that have previously taken place during this year have been outstanding. The approaching April Conference will not only include faculty, administrators, and staff members, but will also involve and highlight our two-year college students.

In addition to the Thursday and Friday content specific sessions which serve as the core of the April Conference activities and are planned by the faculty and staff throughout the system, there will be outstanding concurrent special sessions on Wednesday and Friday. These special sessions, also planned by members of the Alabama College System, will feature nationally renowned speakers addressing issues and subjects of current interest to educational excellence.

Our keynote speaker, Mr. Warren Nickell, Director of Quality for IBM, Inc., will address "Quality Assurance: the IBM Way".

I look forward to seeing all of you at the April Conference.



Sincerely,

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